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To Whom It May Concern,

1 [In response to official comments regarding the 10/07 Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) for Yucca Mountain I would like to stress that at each level of the production process of nuclear energy high level lethal wastes are produced. The mining, leaching, processing, storage and transport should be major considerations. Historically, the difficulties, risks and expenses associated with these processes add to the research that demonstrates that nuclear waste, storage and transport are not safe nor cost efficient.

The DSEIS doesn't thoroughly cover the safety issues. [Of 2 concern should also be the population growth and density for Pahrump and Las Vegas, Nevada and environs. Groundwater in this area is used for a myriad of purposes which include irrigation, drinking water, and more. The surrounding areas in Nevada and California that are experiencing growth and tourism are dependent upon these water resources.] [The DSEIS falsely 3 summarizes that the Yucca Mountain site is isolated from densely populated areas and this needs to be readdressed.] In addition, 4 [the water and hydrogeologic basin in this region is known to be highly corrosive. This corrosiveness brings about major implications for security and storage]

The DSEIS doesn't adequately address the design for canisters and the ramifications for repository and transportation. These impacts need to be assessed. [The transportation and 5 storage of these wastes can be lethal to numerous communities between origin and destination. Therefore, various communities along these routes should be polled and included in the assessment.] [Finally, these routes can easily become targets for terrorist acts.] 6

Thank you for this opportunity to comment and please keep me informed of the process and future public input options.

Respectfully,
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